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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

I would like to appeal to your capacity for logic. It is a compelling state interest to protect a bald eagle egg. The penalty for destroying one – 5 years in jail. It is a compelling state interest to protect the unborn bear cub of a grizzly (penalty - \$25,000). We require parental permission to have a 16 yr old use a tanning bed or get their ears pierced. Yet we allow a 13 yr old to get an abortion and not tell anyone, and treat the unborn baby worse than the state will allow us to treat animals. The people are this states' greatest asset. Logic says this is wrong and the state has a compelling interest to protect the life of unborn children.